Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Exceptional Opportunity for High School Students

2006-07 Hessen-Wisconsin High School Student Exchange Program



Hessen is Wisconsin's sister state in Germany. With its beautiful and historic capital of Wiesbaden, it also is home to Frankfurt, a dynamic, leading city of the new European Union. Hessen captivates travelers with everything from old castles to modern rock festivals, a fascinating blend of history and modernity.

Please encourage qualified students to apply. The application deadline is **Tuesday**, **January 17**, **2006.** Successful applicants will be notified by the end of January.

Rich learning opportunity ~

- **Ideal cost:** With staffing support from two state departments of education, students have a reputable program for unusually low cost.
- **Ideal length of study**: Longer than a summer study-trip but shorter than a full-year abroad, three months gives students an in-depth cultural experience.
- A committed partner & family abroad: This is a one-to-one exchange program: in which students are hosted by the very same family of the partner student who visits them in fall 2006.
- **Students from Hessen, Germany** spend first semester, September 2006 through early February 2007 (5 months), in Wisconsin schools and communities.
- **Students from Wisconsin** then spend second semester, February through end of April 2007 in homes and schools in small German towns or cosmopolitan cities.
- Credit & academic honors: Wisconsin students receive academic credit on a "pass/fail" grading system, remain eligible for scholarships and college admission, and gain maturity, tolerance, and international life skills.
- Students enrolled in German II, III, IV, or V (or with speaking experience) are eligible to apply. Students must be at least sophomores in 2006-07.
- **Families of Wisconsin applicants** must be willing to host a German student in their home during the fall. (A few "hosting only" opportunities are available if US students aren't able to travel.)
- Letters of recommendation from the German teacher and school principal are required...
- **Program Costs:** \$400 is the DPI program fee; plus costs of hosting a guest student plus airfare for one roundtrip to Frankfurt, Germany, plus incidentals.

REQUEST INFO PACKET

(includes application)

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